

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	) CASE NO.: 4:05CR413-02
	)
Plaintiff	) JUDGE SOLOMON OLIVER, JR.
	)
vs.	)
	) <u>ORDER ACCEPTING PLEA</u>
	) <u>AGREEMENT, JUDGMENT, AND</u>
JOYCE A. SAUNDERS	) <u>REFERRAL TO U.S. PROBATION</u>
Defendant	) <u>OFFICE</u>

This case is before the Court on a Report and Recommendation filed by United States Magistrate Judge **Kenneth S. McHargh** regarding the change of plea hearing and plea agreement of **Joyce A. Saunders**, which was referred to the Magistrate Judge with the consent of the parties.

On August 24, 2005, the government filed a one-count indictment against Joyce A. Saunders, for Conspiracy to Distribute and to Possess with Intent to Distribute Marijuana in violation of Title 21 Section 846. On September 7, 2005, a hearing was held in which Joyce A. Saunders, entered a plea of not guilty before Magistrate Judge James S. Gallas. On December 12, 2005, Magistrate Judge Kenneth S. McHargh

received **Joyce A. Saunders**' plea of guilty and issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") concerning whether the plea should be accepted and a finding of guilty entered. Magistrate Judge McHargh filed his R&R on December 12, 2005.

Neither party submitted objections to the Magistrate Judge's R&R in the ten days after it was issued.

On de novo review of the record, the Magistrate Judge's R&R is adopted.

**Joyce A. Saunders**, is found to be competent to enter a plea and to understand **her** constitutional rights. **She** is aware of the charges and of the consequences of entering a plea. There is an adequate factual basis for the plea. The Court finds the plea was entered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. The plea agreement is approved.

Therefore, **Joyce A. Saunders**, is adjudged guilty of Count **1** in violation of **Title 21 Section 846**. This matter is referred to the U.S. Probation Department for the completion of a pre-sentence investigation and report. Sentencing will be on **March 8, 2006** at **10:00 a.m.** in Courtroom 17A.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/S/SOLOMON OLIVER, JR.  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

January 19, 2006